

B. Records Transferred by the State Department

Seven of the eight accessions of records of the OSS Research and Analysis Branch are restricted as follows, according to the following restriction imposed by the Secretary of State and approved by the National Archives on March 2, 1948: "Unless express permission is obtained from the Department of State, these records shall be kept confidential and shall be withheld from examination and consultation by officials, private individuals, or any other persons." From time to time selected items from these files have actually been opened for use, on specific requests approved by the State Department, so the CIA Records Management Staff has been told by the National Archives.

The eighth State-controlled accession contains certain OSS "topographic maps of Europe, with annotations, showing plans for commando and other operations, 1943-45 (13 maps)." For unexplained reasons, no restriction is specifically mentioned for this apparently sensitive file, either in the restriction-policy statement published by the National Archives (quoted in the preceding paragraph), nor in the published "Guide to the Records in the National Archives" (1948 ed.), p. 610. Despite this omission, this map file is doubtless handled under the same blanket State Department restriction cited above.